

Edgware Road tube blast

It is amazing how often national and international events have a direct bearing on Bunbury people. Here George Robey describes his experience of being in London on 7th July as the city came under attack.

“To be honest, it all seems quite unreal, more like I was a watching a film than actually part of the things that terrible day. Like many others it was quite by chance that I was on the train travelling between Edgware Road and Paddington – I should have been on another line had it not been for a broken train. One minute I was standing in the carriage, wondering whether I could both catch my connection at Paddington and have a cup of coffee and a bun, looking over someone’s shoulder at the coverage of the Olympics win and the next I was on the floor, in darkness and smoke, apologising to the lady on whom I had landed. I didn’t think it was a bomb – why should I? Certainly there was a big bang and a sudden stop but it was the last thing on my mind.

“You wonder how you will react in these situations; some people cried aloud, there was prayer in more than

one language, some people sobbed quietly. One guy, an Australian or South African judging from his accent, shouted to us to stay down, get a handkerchief to block out the acrid smoke and keep calm. This I did. I sat tight and waited until we were called through the carriage about 20-30 minutes later while the emergency services started the rescue. There was no panic although there were some futile attempts to open the carriage doors which at least helped the smoke dissipate.

“I was about 2 carriages behind the bomb and I saw and heard a number of terrible things which will stay with me for a good while to come. I hope that the man who had been blown out of the carriage and under the train survived - if the carriages further ahead hadn’t been so crowded at Baker Street that could have been me. Walking along the line, helped by the excellent Underground staff and emergency workers, was a haunting experience. Thankfully we were only about 100 yards outside of Edgware Road and virtually at street level.

“Emerging, confused and very grubby,

we were directed to a triage centre set up in Marks and Spencer. With little worse than a few cuts and bruises (and a cleaning bill) I phoned home at which point the awfulness of the situation hit me. It must have been a strange call from a breathless gibbering idiot but at least I got through before the mobile phone system became overloaded and failed. It was becoming what I would imagine a war zone might be like with helicopters and sirens everywhere. I was able to help a lady tourist and her children find a cab to take them back to their hotel, which made me feel a bit less useless, and then went to Starbucks with some people from my carriage who were also wandering around not really knowing what to do or where to go.

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Sally wins gold

Local garden designer Sally Sissons heard some wonderful news on 19th July: she had designed a ‘back to-back’ garden for the RHS Flower Show at Tatton Park, and the judges had awarded it a coveted gold medal.

The garden, on a sophisticated ‘party’ theme, was funded by Mersey T.V. who used it as a set for the Hollyoaks programme. Sally suffered various disasters during the building of the garden, including the breaking of the glass dance floor, but as you see, she came smiling through!



Welcome Jane!

On July 10th we welcomed our new Deacon Jane Stevenson to St Boniface. We will introduce Jane more fully in the next Link, but her first piece for the magazine is on p3- the first of many, we hope!

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See you at Beeston Castle Fete on August 29th!

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Nature Notes

August sees the start of the harvest. Food is available in abundance. The fields of corn have turned a lovely golden colour and blackberries and bilberries have turned from red to juicy black. There is something very appealing and satisfying about gathering wild fruits. I also like to keep an eye open for the first mushrooms which appear in the fields in small white patches as they nestle in the dewy grass. Of all the fruits, the mushrooms evoke the most excitement. Seeking them and gathering them is like finding treasure trove. Sometimes they can be seen 100 yards away but often they stay obstinately out of sight until you almost kick them from their nesting place. It is disappointing to arrive at a 'fairy circle' to find many good mushrooms have been ruined by the cattle clumsily

trampling on them. It is thought the best time to find mushrooms is the early morning when the grass is heavy with dew. They rapidly grow overnight and appear in the morning fresh and white on top and honeycombed beneath. They have a clean wholesome look and are delicious fried with bacon. The swallows can still be seen wheeling and tumbling in their effort to catch flies on the wing while others string themselves on the telegraph wires preening and twittering in readiness for their long flight overseas. So it will go on until, some grey morning in late October, the last lingerers will be missing and the sky will seem desolate and clean swept without them.

Liz Jones



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"London without cars has a lot to commend it but not, of course, in those circumstances. The roads were quiet apart from emergency vehicles tearing around with sirens going (which to be honest contributed to the stress of the situation). Most office buildings had been evacuated, there were a lot of people standing around trying to get their phones to work – there were even queues at phone boxes!

I walked to Paddington to find it closed and then to Euston to find that closed as well. With some other 'refugees' trying to get home north of London, we were taken in by an office across the road where we sat quietly watching the awful events unfold on the TV, drinking tea while alternately thanking our lucky stars and cursing the failing mobile phone system. When Euston reopened I got myself on the first train home which, after, of all things, a bomb alert (some idiot had left their rucksack on the platform), eventually made its way back to Crewe.

"Getting back to the calm and peace of Bunbury with cricket practice on the ground opposite the school, I briefly thought that the day's events had been a bad dream. Sadly no: 50 plus people dead, hundreds affected, we all have a story to tell and it will probably take a while for it to pass. Although I certainly don't want to 'dine out' on my story, retelling it does help and perhaps will make us all appreciate what we all have and how flimsy our existence really is."

George Robey

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What a difference a week makes

On July 3rd there were tens of thousands of people marching in Edinburgh, many from Christian churches, sending the message to all who were watching that global justice needs to be built into the way the world does business.

Campaigners from all walks of life came together as one body to sow seeds of justice. It was a message to the world's politicians that the riches of living at peace with our neighbours are of infinitely more value than anything material we may have gathered or stored in our locked barns: a message like the scattering of seed that can produce a harvest a hundred times greater than what was sown.

But what a difference a week makes: on Wednesday 6th there was the lunchtime announcement that the UK had won the 2012 Olympics, everyone so excited and celebrating with London. And then on Thursday morning, as the news of the bombings spread, that terrible change in atmosphere: euphoria turning to despair, hate evicting love. A city in celebration had become a city in mourning. What seeds had been sown to allow such a change to happen? Certainly not seeds of love or hope. An interpretation of God's will that

leads to murder is a perversion of our understanding of a Creator who makes life. Yet even within this truly hateful event, there were far more people sowing seeds of love and compassion, than there were seeds of hate: those who tended and rescued the injured, those who held a stranger's hand, those from all faiths who stood in the damaged streets and utterly condemned these acts of hatred, and declared their support and respect for each other. Muslims, Sikhs, Jews, Christians, Buddhists, stood side-by-side in their declaration that those who truly love their God, must also love their fellow beings.

Those who bomb innocents in London or Madrid or Jerusalem, those who murder in Iraq, or dispossess people in Sudan, those who trade unfairly or buy and sell goods made by child or slave labour, any of us acting without true love for our neighbour, offer only a hardened path for God's Word. It can never grow in us and we will never sow or reap Christ's love in the world.

Jane Stevenson

Ad Infinitum

'Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, I tell you, but seventy-seven times." (St Matthew 18, 21-23)

If we don't say it, the thought is often there – someone who is close, someone of whom we expect a high, moral, Christian standard, should know better than to sin against me – and we find it not easy to forgive. But Jesus tells us that forgiveness needs to begin 'at home', within God's family, within our own family, within those who are neighbours.

Jesus tells us also that forgiveness must be 'from the heart' – thoroughgoing and absolute. Forgiving but not forgetting (as people sometimes try to do, by way of compromise) is not true and absolute forgiveness. God's forgiveness is always absolute and complete.

We may need to forgive seventy-seven, seventy times seven, or a lot more! We ask regularly for grace to forgive, whenever we pray the Lord's Prayer – to be forgiven as we forgive. If our forgiveness is half-hearted, what more can we justifiably expect from God?

Eric Wallington

Practise harder, Andrew!

The second Sunday of the month has become the regular sung Evensong service at St. Boniface. To begin with, numbers were promising and we hoped we would grow.

I met Andrew Dean in the local shop buying some wine (unusual for him, he generally drinks Peter Crump's) and he suggested we should write a few lines about this enjoyable service. So I will just say if you like the good old-fashioned rousing hymns and the BCP service, come and join us!

Andrew sometimes plays a wrong note and if his mum is there she looks over to the choir and raises her eyebrows with a look that says, "Why don't you practise a little harder?" But somehow we all manage to finish on the right note.

If you would like to come and need a lift we would be only too pleased to come and collect you. My telephone number is below and we would be delighted to see you.

Just by the by, if you can sing, hum or even mouth in time we can always find you a place in the choir, robed or unrobed! The next Evensong will be on August 14th: the choir will trot through the hymns at 5.45pm and the service is at 6.30.

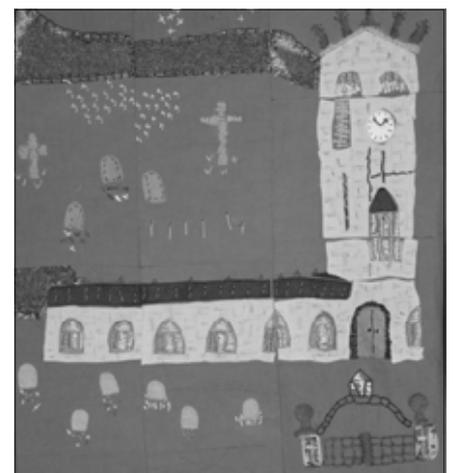
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School wall-hanging finished at last!

For the past year, Y5 and Y6 children have been working on a giant wall-hanging which pictures all the important buildings of Bunbury, including the church (pictured right), the school, the chantry house - and not forgetting the chip shop! Originally teacher Helen Abbott's idea, the finished hanging is a charming record of the village and shows some really imaginative and skilful needlework. Credit must go to Jenny Mulgrew who

stitched all the panels together and who has come to school every week to patiently untangle knots and re-thread needles. And well done to all those pupils, boys and girls alike, who can be proud of their finished work.

Mrs Phillips promises to find a good place to display the hanging.



End of term at Bunbury School

The last few weeks have seen a whirl of activity. Mrs Phillips, Mrs Chatfield, Miranda Harle and James Melia went to The Bridgewater Hall to collect the school's well-deserved gold Artsmark award. The younger pupils spent three days exploring Aboriginal stories and creating some wonderful artwork. Year 6 have been on their residential visit to the Conway Centre where many got to meet the children from other schools who will be joining them in Year 7 at Tarporley. All the children enjoyed 2 hot afternoons of sports, where parents cheered impressive displays of athleticism and good sportsmanship. The annual school barbecue became a school picnic this year, because of building work: almost 60 families enjoyed a relaxed and happy afternoon on the

school field. Olivia won the hat competition and Isobel and helpers raised £70 on their tombola for charity. The school hosted a coffee morning as a 'thank you' to parent helpers: some pupils waited at table and the orchestra and speech and drama group provided the entertainment. The School celebrated a close victory at Deanery Sports - see page 10. And finally, Alison Black reports that the total Active Kids vouchers collected is over 18,000, which will be traded in for lots of new sports equipment next term.

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Mrs Crotty with two little girls from the new Reception class



Lottie, Laura Charlotte and Olivia on the tombola



Lisa working hard



Johnny and Alex battle it out in the obstacle race



Olivia models her winning hat



Aran concentrates hard on his beanbag



Writers get ready



School band entertains the helpers: Maddie, Hannah, Fizzy, Miranda, Alex, Tom and Petra

Memories of Phyllis Churton

Just as we were sending last month's Link by e-mail to be printed we heard the sad news of Phyllis Churton's death at the age of 93 – we managed to include the news in brief in the magazine. This month we are able to give Miss Churton, so much a part of local life for so many years, the true appreciation she warranted.

Although not in fact 'Bunbury born and bred', Miss Churton made the village her own and during her many years living here made enormous contributions to village and church life. Ten years ago, Jean Healey published a well-deserved profile of Phyllis in the Bunbury Journal, so many of our readers will know something of her early life

Phyllis was born in 1911, in Heswall, to a wealthy middle-class family. She had two brothers, one of whom died in infancy, and a sister, Barbara. She attended the village school and even in old age kept in touch with two of her fellow pupils from that time. For a while, the children were taught by governess at home, but later she was sent to a boarding school near London. Again, she made lifelong friends there. After school, she went to a domestic science college, though throughout her long life she hated cooking – then she went on to a Swiss 'finishing school'. The Churton family moved to the White House in Bunbury in 1946: the ladies joined the WI and the church and were soon contributing to village life by taking over the gift stall at the Beeston Castle Fete – a task Phyl continued well into her 80's. In the 1960s Miss Churton started the Bunbury Baby Clinic and about the same time began the Smarties Scheme to raise money for the Children's Society. She was involved in Meals on Wheels and the WI of which she became County Chairman in 1965. In 1970, with the death of her mother, Miss Churton left the White House for Spurstow. In 1990 she was found to have cancer but pulled through four serious operations and her years of retirement were as full as ever.

Eric Wallington recalls their friendship:

"Phyl's path and mine crossed quite early in my time here. "I was leading a family service, and, keen to get the children involved, I invited the young people to illustrate my talk on 'Building a church' by collecting all the spare kneelers and using them as bricks to construct a building. It was chaotic,

but the youngsters did as I asked, and created a rather magnificent building. Many of you will know that Phyl was the prime mover in the production of all the church kneelers: What I did not know, as a newcomer, was that she had a very detailed plan of the specific place in the church for each kneeler. And of course, when I asked my helpers to return our building materials, they were relocated indiscriminately and I had unknowingly created chaos! In the following weeks, when order amongst the kneelers was restored, she barely spoke to me – and who could blame her? During the course of the ensuing weeks we got to know each other better; as the months and years passed, a strong friendship grew and the fiasco of the kneelers was forgotten.

"In more recent years, once Phyl was no longer able to drive, I sometimes gave her a lift to church on a Sunday morning, and often took her home. As we travelled home, Phyl would frequently say to me, "Oh, it's a lovely day, where shall we go? How about Llandudno?". (It was always Llandudno, of which she must have had fond memories.) And then as we approached to cross the A49, she would invariably say, "Now, Eric, do stop by the driveway and let me walk to the house – I need the exercise!" On one occasion recently, as we approached the house I was confronted by the sight of huge part of a tree which had crashed down and was blocking Phyl's drive. She hadn't noticed the difficulty herself, and even as we drove towards it, she was still insisting she would walk to the house as usual. Eventually, she realised what had happened but instead of worrying about the great problem of a huge tree blocking the drive and part of the road itself, she simply said to me, "Oh well, I suppose I'll have to walk round and in through the other way!" I'm sure that if I'd suggested that in the circumstances it might be better to go the Llandudno after all, she would readily have agreed.

Phyl was an amazing lady who made light of any difficulties she experienced. She was a lady of courage, of determination and of great faith, and I shall miss her very much".

Rick adds: "She was such a delight to be with. I had heard rumours of her matriarchal dominance in the church and was prepared to be treated as a curate, but she was so kind and funny. She was a one-off, a truly gentle lady."



**Joe didn't spill
a drop**



**Miranda, James and Mrs Phillips
with the Gold Artsmark**



Mrs Black

YCs in the sun

The photo shows the YCs (Young Christians) enjoying a sunny evening trip to the Pontcysyllte aqueduct near Llangollen. Becky Shears writes:

“We had a good time on our trip to Wales. First we went over the aqueduct in a canal boat steered by Johnny. The aqueduct was raised very high off the ground so we could see the green fields. The evening ended with a pub meal of fish and chips. Thank you to Teri and Wendy for organising the event and to Johnny for navigating safely.”



The last event in the YCs' calendar for this term was the traditional rounders match and barbecue on the playing field, for YCs and their families. There was a particularly good turnout this year, helped by the fantastic weather, and each team had about 20 members. The Mulcahys and Evertons slogged the ball as usual, and at least one multi-talented YC was seen texting on her mobile phone as she fielded! Johnny and Debs manned the barbeque. It was a lovely evening - next stop the Panto!

Little Piccolos at St. Boniface

Two mums of young children have joined forces to provide music workshops for toddlers and pre-school children in rural Cheshire. Hazel Barrett and Alison Holmes, a professional musician and qualified teacher, wanted to use their specialised skills for the benefit of the under fives.

In January this year, they set up Little Piccolos and worked in nursery and pre-schools in the local area before setting up a community group at St Boniface's church for toddlers. Alison says: "With the emphasis on fun, we use a wide variety of percussion instruments to support our workshops, which also include lots of singing. We introduce the children to orchestral and other instruments - such as flute, clarinet, saxophone - by playing our own and so giving the children first hand experience of real, live music".

Little Piccolos workshops have been running on a weekly basis since Easter during school term time. At present they are taking a break over the summer holidays but classes will resume at St Boniface's church on September 15th at 9.30am. Anyone is welcome to come along with their children.



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AugustAction underway, writes Johnny

I write this article as events for AugustAction have begun. This morning Katie Crotty and I met up with our first gathering of young people to work out plans for this summer. The numbers may have been low, but this is just the beginning. As I write, Tarporley High School has not yet finished for the summer and so those meeting with us were from Kings and Queens. We look forward to those who have signed up from other schools joining us as the excitement builds. In fact, today there was much anticipation as we discussed ideas for the holiday club and how to turn the

church into a jungle with parrots, monkeys and a waterfall! And of course, we decided that a trip out to see the new film "Madagascar" was essential for research. Make sure you pop in over the holiday club week to have a look at the finished product.

So if you're in your teens and want to join us as we build jungles, lead games for children, help with drama workshops and find excuses to have trips out, then it's not too late to join the Task Force. You can get a form by either calling me on 01829-260680 or emailing taskforce@stbonya.org.uk.

Tom's Karting success

The first weekend of July saw several Bunbury families involved in the TCHS Kart Team heading north to the National Championship for School Karting. 190 drivers from schools up and down the country raced in Cumbria. Competing with 44 drivers in 4 very close heats, Tom Riley finished first, becoming the National Champion in his class. Tom is the first driver since

1997 to win this trophy for TCHS, a great finale for Tom who finishes school racing after seven years as a member of the Tarporley team. Bunbury drivers had success in several other classes, Matthew Wood 5th, Stephen Wood 4th, Tom Bruce 9th, Mike Booker 2nd and Peter Booker 5th. George Kirby was named Tarporley Karting Novice of the year.

Canon John writes...

"I promised to let you know when I returned from my pilgrimage around the Seven Churches of Asia (modern Turkey). My 10 day, 540 mile, lone cycling pilgrimage around modern Turkey and the Greek Isle of Patmos was extremely hard under the blazing sun. The roads were very poorly surfaced and potholes were waiting for the careless - but then pilgrimages are not meant to be easy! Thankfully I suffered no mishap whatsoever, not even rain or a puncture. When the road and hills were hard I had in mind the early couriers of St. John's letters to the Seven Churches who would have had a much harder time than me. And the knowledge of the practical outcome of my efforts, the feeding of children displaced in South Sudan made light of any inconvenience. The eventual development of the Church in the seven locations is shown by the remains of huge basilicas but I found it most moving to sit in the cave at Patmos where St. John himself received the messages from Jesus."

Canon John Bowers (our former Vicar)

Beeston Fete

(supporting our Heritage and Future)

The plans have been drawn up, the entertainers booked, it must almost be time for the Fete.

But without the support of the local community the show can't go on, we need more volunteers. This is nothing new, every year we come to this stage of preparation and find that we are still short of helpers on the day. So once again I make my annual appeal for you, yes you, the one reading this article to contact either Barbara Croley at the Church, Margaret Ellis on 01829 261898 or myself, Nigel Mulliss, on 01829 733975 and volunteer some of your time on August Bank Holiday Monday. Anyone is welcome whether you give us an hour or the whole day, your help will be greatly appreciated.

If you haven't been to the Fete you're missing a real treat, one of the best traditional Fetes still running. We welcome back the Coverdale Puppets and Ged Hone's Jazz Band. Johnny Gillett and his team are promising an exciting and unique presentation of AugustAction (see above) and we have all the traditional stalls including "The Best Hoopla Stall In The World" (well at least in Cheshire). There is a wonderful tea tent and there will be new games for the children too, including welly throwing.

Look out for draw tickets that are now on sale. This year's draw has some wonderful prizes including a Fortnum & Masons hamper and vouchers for some of our best local restaurants.

Monday 29th August - see you there!

Here are details of our stalls and stall holders, If you can help in any way please contact either Barbara, Margaret or myself as soon as possible.

Plants	Margaret Ellis and Kate Reeves
Books	Volunteer required - books to Church
Tombola	Walter & Judy Done
White Elephant	Mary Large
Produce/Cakes	Sue Woodward/Calveley/Tilstone
Barbecue	David Ellis & Elaine Crotty
Children's Tombola	Teri Williams
Tea Tent	Barbara Croley/Sarah Thompson
Draw	Nigel Mulliss & Linda Williams
Hoopla	Carolyn & Guy Johnson
Skittles	Volunteer required
Coconut Shy	Sarah /Rob Tomlins
Penalty Shoot out	Andy Fairclough/Paul Holbrook
Welly throwing	Volunteer required

Car Park - Help Urgently Needed!

Nigel D Mulliss, Chairman



Community news

Calveley Church had a rare but very happy occasion on 5th June, 2005, when **Annabel Mary Moulton**, of Bartletts Green was baptised there. Her parents are **Allison and Andy**, and the Godparents **Louise Clement and Nick Higgs**.

Pictured below are **Jessica Williams** and **John Galley** after their baptism at St. Boniface, mentioned last month.



Welcome to **Stanley**, son of **Marie-Louise** and **Andrew Gower** from Milton Keynes who was baptised at St. Boniface on 3rd July; to **Finlay**, son of **Jenny and Mark Hares** from Whitchurch, baptised on the 10th July, and to **James**, son of **Ken and Ann Gray** from Peckforton and grandson of Mary and Frank Large, baptised on 17th July.

Belated congratulations to **Andy Fairclough** for passing a significant birthday milestone in May.

There are several weddings planned for late July, August and September. We look forward to reporting them (please send photos!) in the next Link due out at the end of September.

Our sympathies to the family and friends of **Doris Lillian Konieczny** who was buried on 24th June at St. Boniface.

We are sad to report the death of **Hilda Davies** from Brindley whose funeral took place on 18th July at St. Boniface. Hilda was born a twin at Spurstow, one of seven children. Her early working life was at the Barony Hospital. Hilda was very outgoing and was a keen member of the over 60's club at Faddiley, where her party spirit will be sadly missed. Eric Wallington writes: "She was a super-nan, full of life and very independent. She had her own high-speed moped and was a real party animal who never needed an excuse to dance. She was also keen on the thrills of the funfair - I don't know about white-knuckle rides but she certainly welcomed a challenge."

August Diary

August

3	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
7	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Jude
	10.00am	Family Worship	St Boniface
	11.00am	Matins	Calveley
10	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
14	9.30am	Morning Service	St Jude
	10.00am	Family Communion	St Boniface
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Boniface
17	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
20	4.30pm	Open Music Rehearsal	
21	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Jude
	10.00am	Family Worship	St Boniface
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Calveley
24	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
27		Bunbury Garden Show	Village Hall
28	9.30am	Morning Service	St Jude
	10.00am	Family Communion	St Boniface
29		Beeston Castle Fete	Beeston
31	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface

All the very best of luck to the **Mann family - Chris, Richard, Louise and Jessica**, from Spurstow, who are taking the plunge and emigrating to Australia in the autumn: hope you keep in touch with village news via the Link website! Chris has been an enthusiastic leader of Bunbury Brownies and Rainbows. Au revoir and bon voyage!

Nikki Ryder is looking for a new leader to help her run Rainbows, now that Chris Mann is leaving the village. Rainbows meets at 4.30pm for an hour on Mondays. Please contact Nikki on 260270.

Did you know that **Bunbury Parish Council** meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Methodist Chapel at 7.30pm, and that the meetings are open to the public? The Parish Council is an important arm of local democracy: information about the meetings, and minutes are displayed on the notice boards on the Village Hall.

Bunbury Singers secretary Elizabeth Brereton writes: "Our spring concert this year was held in St Helen's Church, Tarporley, and was very successful: we raised over £450 for the NSPCC. For our Christmas Concert this year we have been invited, on behalf of **Chester NSPCC**, to perform in the chapel at Eaton Hall. This will be on Tuesday 20th December.

General notices

The **League of Friends of Tarporley War Memorial Hospital** is looking for volunteers, particularly part-time drivers and receptionists. Please contact **Sheila Evans** at the Hospital on 732436 or **John Smith** on 733362 if you can spare some time to help support this valuable community facility. The League of Friends is also planning a fundraising fashion show in November. More details in the October Link.

September Diary

September

4	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Jude
	10.00am	Family Worship	St Boniface
	11.00am	Matins	Calveley
7	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
11	9.30am	Morning Service	St Jude
	10.00am	Family Communion	St Boniface
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Boniface
14	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
17	4.30pm	Open Music Rehearsal	St Boniface
18	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Jude
	10.00am	Family Worship	St Boniface
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Calveley
21	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
24		Scout Hog Roast	Bunbury
25	9.30am	Morning Service	St Jude
	10.00am	Harvest Festival	St Boniface
28	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface

October

1		St Jude's Harvest Supper	
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Looking ahead

October

19th	Deputation Day	Bunbury School
20th	Bunbury School Governors/PTA Annual Meeting	

November

7th	Fashion Show in Aid of Tarporley Hospital
26th	St Judes Christmas Fair

"On 8th October we have a concert in Burleydam Church, which is mid-way between Nantwich and Whitchurch. It would be lovely to have support for both these concerts. We are enjoying our singing with Martin Cook, our Musical Director, as together we extend our repertoire. If you would like to join us and have a love of music and singing please contact us. We rehearse on a Monday evening in Bunbury Aldersey Primary School at 8.00pm. Please contact Elizabeth Brereton 01829 740664 for any further information."

Dave Clapperton has contacted us with news of son **Andrew** currently living out in China. Within a few weeks he is due to start his journey home by bike! He will be riding with a friend and is not expected to reach Bunbury before the spring. He is cycling in aid of a diabetes charity as he is a sufferer himself and he is doing it to show that diabetes does not need to be a handicap in life.

Dave will be sending us news of this adventure in the months to come. Best of luck Andrew!



Brainteaser:

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Apologies to **George and Blanche Wilgose** who by oversight were not included in the photograph we printed last month of the Village Day float judges.

Church notices

Now **Jane Stevenson** has been ordained Deacon and joined the St. Boniface team you can expect to see her most Sundays. She is still working as a Geography teacher and is busy setting up a new computer system after her old one was badly infected by a virus. We will supply her contact numbers when we have them.

Please continue to pray for **Rick, Peter Overy, Benjamin Thomas, and Camilla Broster.** **Claudia McLaughlin** is faced with new challenges to her health and she and her daughters need our prayers as she begins another course of treatment.

10 years of the Railway children

In last month's Link I talked about forthcoming Railway Children events. I can now report that they have been great successes. Firstly we celebrated our tenth anniversary with a reception at the House of Commons, hosted by larger-than-life MP, Gwyneth Dunwoody who muttered to me that it seemed to be an event for skinny women! After sipping Pimms on the terrace overlooking the Thames, dressed in our glad rags, we found ourselves a week later on a train with 200 people climbing the highest mountains in Wales, England and Scotland in 48 hours.

Some people ran up and down the mountains, others who were less fit, pushed themselves to the limit, including one man who took a long time on Ben Nevis and missed the train so was put in a fast car to meet the train further down the line. He later told me his son had cancer and it was seeing him battle with his illness that had given him a determination to achieve all challenges and despite being unfit he was determined to finish. The event seems to bring out the best in people and the sense of camaraderie and team spirit was amazing with lots of people stopping to help others who were

struggling. Not everyone succeeded in climbing all three mountains but everyone succeeded in doing their very best and raising an incredible £130,000 for the charity.

Katie Mason, Railway Children Events Manager



Deanery triumph

On Monday 18th July there was a great turn up for the books - Bunbury School were declared the winners by one point of Deanery Sports at Bishop Heber School and brought home the impressive Packman shield (shown right). Many congratulations to all who took part - it was a great achievement. Special congratulations to Katrina Holbrook who won the girls' high jump trophy. This is the first time since 1992 that the School has been the overall winner. Credit and thanks should go to the staff who have been preparing the children for the competition: Mrs Joule, Miss Bedford and Miss Black.



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News from St.Judes supplied by Ann Latham and Joy Parker

St.Judes Summer lunch raises £1,100

The summer lunch this year was hosted by Mrs Ann Posnett and family at Haughton Hall. A very big thank you must go out to them as they were kind enough to go ahead with the lunch which had been planned before their tragic loss. The day was a huge success, a lovely cake stall was run by Joy Parker and the usual raffle took place. The weather was very kind to us and everyone enjoyed the very pleasant afternoon. The event raised over £1,100. Thank you to everyone involved in the organising and running of the event and thank you to everyone who attended.

Baptisms

Hopefully Rick will be at St Judes on 24th July to baptise two local young ladies. The grand-daughter of Mr & Mrs Len Davies, Freya Millie Gow and the grand-daughter of Mr & Mrs Alan Wright, Pippa Wright. All will be most welcome at this very special service.

Beaver News

St Jude's Beavers went to Beaver Fun Day at Milldale Scout camp site near Nantwich, with ten other colonies from SW Cheshire. After some sports they 'visited' various European countries set up by each colony. Ours was Ireland, and everyone made pet Blarney stones. In 'Belgium' everyone made chocolates, in 'Italy' mini pizzas, and in

'Switzerland' skiers from pine cones . The evening was rounded off with singing round the campfire. Everyone enthusiastically asked "When's the next one?"

Noah and the Ark was the theme for St Jude's Church Parade, with a 'crocodile' of masked animals parading down the aisle into the safety of the Ark and God's rainbow appearing (pictured below) as a promise never to flood the whole of the earth again. Teenagers and Beavers rang the bell, read the lessons and introduced the story of Noah. The PCC is warmly thanked for the purchase of a hand held microphone which greatly assisted the service and will be much used in the future.

Our Beaver Colony is already growing and on 7th July we invested 6 new members.

Then on the hottest and melliest evening of the year we visited the Old Fire Station Chocolate Shop in Tarporley.



Congratulations, Emily!

Elizabeth Crook has written to tell us about her daughter's sporting success:

"The national Special Olympic Games were held in Glasgow from 1st - 9th July. They are held every 4 years and 2,500 athletes took part. Emily Crook, 22, from Alpraham, was a member of the North West equestrian team. Nine members of the team, who are based at Wirral Riding Centre, Burton, Wirral, took part and they came back with a total of 17 medals. Emily gained three gold medals for each of the three competitions she took part in, riding as an A1 rider, Division 1. She represented Great Britain in the World Games, held in Ireland, two years ago and gained one gold and two bronze medals."



Dates from the St.Judes diary:

Harvest Supper - Saturday 1st October
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Harvest Festival - Sunday 2nd October -
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Another Bob Harris walk for the summer

Kelsborrow Castle and Primrosehill Wood

Distance: 4 miles

Time: 2 hours

Maps: Landranger sheet 117 or Pathfinder sheet 774

This walk begins at Willington Corner, in the centre of the scattered village of Willington that straddles the hill road climbing up and out of Kelsall. Beside the small village green are a number of convenient parking spaces. It starts out along the lane running northwards towards Kelsall, and follows it for just a short distance until a side lane turns off to the right into Boothsdale.

This lane leads up to the lovely old Boot Inn. Once a row of terraced cottages, it is now a pub of great character and is an ideal watering hole at either the beginning or the end of the walk.

The lane continues past the pub until it reaches the fields of strawberries and raspberries that belong to Willington Fruit Farm. Here the lane becomes the private driveway to Boothsdale Farm, but a narrow public footpath continues up the hill. This very old track is closely hemmed in between high hawthorn hedges which in places meet above you forming a marvellous green tunnel. This path soon joins another higher lane beside Hillside Cottage and a

holly and birches rise above the ferns, and tall beeches hang over the path. Below, the land drops away into the narrow dale where Boothsdale House sits in splendid isolation in its own private and secluded valley. Beyond it, the already extensive views continue to stretch even further away to the west.

At the head of the dale a line of steps take the path up and over the crest of the slope onto the gently rolling farmland beyond the belt of trees.

Just to the left of the path is a long, wide, grassy bank which runs in a gentle curve to link up with the steep natural slopes falling away to the west. This is Kelsborrow Castle, in reality an ancient hillfort which dates back to the late Bronze Age.

This three thousand year old defensive site would probably have contained a number of circular wooden huts with wicker walls and thatched roofs, and would have been surrounded by a wooden

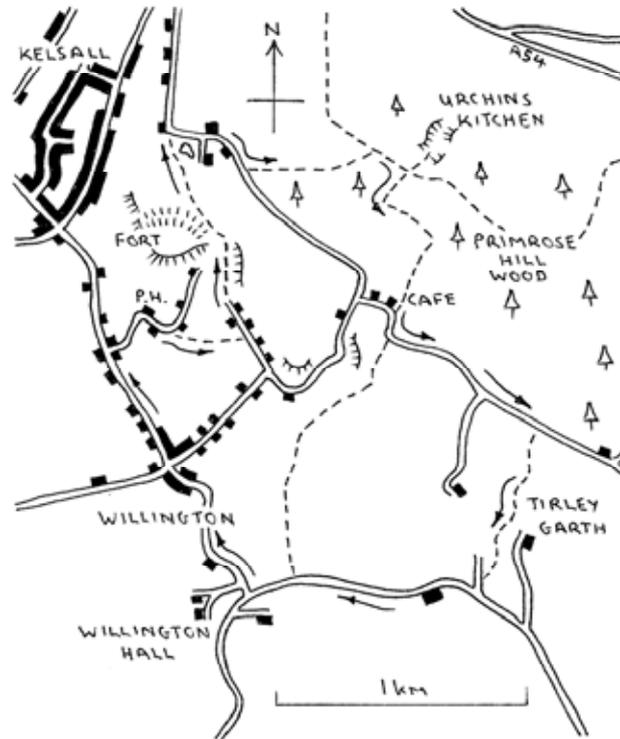
palisade fence running along the top of the high bank and the steep natural slopes. It is certainly large enough to have been the home for a sizeable community, and was probably a place of refuge for many more in times of danger.

Nothing remains now but the long bank, but it isn't difficult to let the imagination loose and recreate in your mind what it might have looked like all those thousands of years ago.

From the old hillfort, the footpath continues across fields to reach a tiny remnant of the old oak woodland that would once have cloaked all these hills. The path then opens out onto a small 'common' where a small pool is surrounded in early summer by a spectacular display of wild flowers. Bullrushes and flag irises rise up above pink campions and buttercups, and in the shade beneath the trees, tall foxglove spikes droop lazily over the water. Moorhens creep silently in the shallows and large dragonflies dart between the rushes. A wooden bench beside the pool is the perfect place to sit and let the world go by for a few minutes.

The route then takes the quiet lane running eastwards, past the beautifully converted outbuildings of Delamere Farm, until it reaches Primrosehill Wood at the King's Gate. Following the signs for Beeston, the path passes through an area of tall dark pines towering over a low ground-cover of ferns and wild flowers. It turns right onto the main Sandstone Trail, then immediately right again alongside a newly planted area fringed by birch and mountain ash trees.

Before this last turn is taken, it is well worth taking a short diversion off to the left of the path. Only about a hundred metres from the main track is a strange rocky dell known as the Urchin's Kitchen. Low sandstone outcrops topped by rhododendron bushes and towering pines rise above a



small cluster of other houses tucked into the steepening slope of the hills. Turning left, this top lane is followed for just a short way to where it peters out and another footpath continues up into the narrowing upper valley of Boothsdale.

This is a lovely section of the walk. As the path climbs, the views behind open up and soon the Cheshire Plain spreads out below like a map and the distant Welsh mountains form a hazy blue line on the far horizon. The path is narrow but gives easy walking. Above it is an area of mature woodland where



narrow defile winding through the woods and out into the farmland beyond. The long-forgotten names and initials etched into the rocks, and half-remembered tales of unusual happenings and pagan rituals still cling to this place and only add to its strange and mysterious atmosphere.

Returning to the path, the Sandstone Trail is followed towards Beeston, out to the edge of the wood, and up fields to reach the tea shop at Summertrees Farm. This is a perfect place to stop and enjoy a pot of tea and a plate of delicious home-made scones before continuing the walk. (Please note, it is closed on Monday and Friday.)

From Summertrees, Tirley Lane is taken, past where the Sandstone Trail turns off to the right and on towards Tirley

Garth. This lane runs along the crest of a high ridge and so gives far-reaching views away in all directions. To the north the banks and ditches of another ancient hillfort at Eddisbury can be clearly seen just to the right of the tall radio mast on Pale Heights. Interestingly, the names Old and New Pale, refer back to the days when Delamere was a Royal forest bordered by a paling fence, beyond which the common man was not allowed to go. To be 'beyond the pale' literally meant to have gone too far, and to be outside the law.

To the west and east, the distant hills of Wales and the Pennines form a hazy backdrop to the great lowlands of Cheshire which sweep away in both directions.

The lane meanders pleasantly between fields, below the quaintly named Whistlebitch Hill to the left, on the top of which once stood a Bronze Age burial mound. Just beyond it, a footpath turns off to the right, signposted for John's Street. This path winds down the hillside beside the grounds of Tirley Garth. Old and gnarled birch trees, thick tangled hedges and wicket fences border the narrow track which offers only the occasional fleeting glimpse of the plain below. It eventually reaches a lane running down from Higher Barn Farm which takes you quickly down to the road.

The way back follows the road, which passes the Willingtons and Rock Farm, drops down to Willington Hall and back into Willington Village where a return to the Boot offers an optional and pleasant end to a fine and interesting walk.

Bob Harris

Many thanks again to Bob for this inspiring suggestion for a walk and for the wonderfully detailed drawings and map.

Churches march against poverty

One of our most loyal readers, (Lucy's mother, who lives in Edinburgh) took part in her first - ever demonstration as part of the Make Poverty History campaign:

"On Saturday, July 2nd, shortly before the G8 leaders came to Gleneagles near Edinburgh, I took part in a protest march. It was called "Make Poverty History" and had been planned long before Bob Geldof's series of pop concerts became news. It was the first - ever such march for me and for several of my friends in the Methodist Church, though of course others are seasoned campaigners, always ready to make their voices heard about injustice. To our delight we found that about 250,000 others wanted to join in telling our political leaders that we care about suffering humanity and expect them to do something more than make empty promises.

"Our group of 200 to 300 met first for a short service. Prayers were led by visitors from other Christian denominations and stories read to remind us of the hardships brought about by unfair trade rules in Bangladesh and lack of medical facilities in Indonesia. I was particularly moved by hearing that West African cotton can be produced very efficiently at only a third of the cost of growing it in the U.S.A., and yet American cotton is so highly subsidised that it can be exported at below cost price, undercutting poor African, Brazilian and Indian farmers. I have vowed to look at the origin of cotton garments I buy in future.

"But the main work of the day was the march. We had already had to walk into town from home as much of the

centre of Edinburgh was cordoned off to traffic and buses were diverted or cancelled. We assembled behind our home-made banner, each with our own purple flag, on huge open fields of grass (the Meadows, for those who know my city) and waited to be sent off at hourly intervals on a circular walk which kept the historic Castle encircled all day in a sea of white - we all wore white t-shirts, though the logos and banners varied. We were old and young together, babies in prams and disabled in wheelchairs or with walking sticks. Steel bands kept some groups dancing and singing; the sun shone down and there was a carnival atmosphere. I was lucky to go round in the first wave and by two o'clock we were back on the Meadows, able to picnic in the shade while others were just setting out. At three there was a one-minute silence among all the participants wherever they were. After that, I tramped off home but there was Scottish country dancing to end the day for anybody with the energy to participate. People had travelled by bus and every other means from all over Britain and even further. I have never personally been involved in as big a crowd as this was, yet there was a heartening sense of unity as we spread across the carriageway, clutching at the flapping cloth when the wind caught our banner. I saw no violence or aggression of any sort, which means that we have received less attention than other events during the same weekend, but lots of photos were taken. We're the ones with purple flags and big smiles on our faces."

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Tarporley students are evacuees

At the end of June many of our local youngsters took part in the Tarporley High School production of Evacuees, an evocative open-air musical play based on the experiences of city children evacuated to the country at the start of WW2. Though the play began in the school hall, the audience were soon asked to follow the action to various outdoor scenes, including a tearful farewell at the station (imaginatively staged in front of the library building) and a fight between the 'silly city kids' and the country children. The actors, who included Vickie Armstrong, Gemma Ryder (pictured below) Louise Sinnott, Rosie Quinn, Hannah Munro, Jessie Hardern, Emma Bruce, Jack Warburton, Olivia De Vane, Anastasia James (shown above) and Stuart Smith, gave a truthful and touching performance: "We have learned a lot about the 1940s and the play has made us appreciate the way we live".

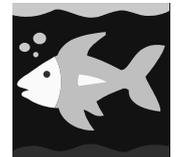


Lorna's summer holiday wordsearch

Can you find the following words in the square?



Italy, Spain, Devon, France, beach, bucket, spade, beachball, flip flops, sandals, shorts, swimming costume, sunglasses, sunshine, weather, sea. You may find them diagonally, vertically, horizontally, forwards or backwards.



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On 16th July over 290 people enjoyed a beautiful evening as they gathered on the Bunbury cricket field for this year's fundraising Bunbury Ball - can you recognise yourself among them? Thanks to chief organiser Jenny Lewis of Haughton, and all her helpers from the Cricket Club and the School Association for the evening's sparkling entertainment

including a T-Rex tribute band who got a lot of men of a certain age dancing! Proceeds will be split between the Cricket Club and Bunbury School and early indications are that several thousand pounds were raised. The marquee was used again the next day for a lunch party in aid of MacMillan Nurses organised by Sarah and Dave Burrows.

Walter's Bible Word Search

find 30 books of the Bible hidden in this passage - see the list below

This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket in a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much that he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his Johnboat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving that she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the books are not necessarily capitalised. Truthfully, from answers we get we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in

these paragraphs. During a recent fundraising event which features this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper the Chronicle, surveyed over fifty patrons who reported that this was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, "the books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight. Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that Timothy and Samuel appear without their numbers. Also keep in mind that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember there is no need for a mass exodus, there really are thirty books of the Bible lurking somewhere in these paragraphs.

Walter Williamson

A fiver for the first correct solution by August 30th.

Amos, Mark, Luke, John, Joel, Judges, Job, Hebrews, Esther, Acts, James, Ruth, Romans, Titus, Matthew, Genesis, Philemon, Chronicles, Daniel, Nahum, Hosea, Lamentations, Revelation, Timothy, Samuel, Numbers, Malachi, Peter, Exodus, Kings.

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